

REMARKS

Applicants traverse the pending rejections. However, in view of the agreement reached during the recent telephonic interview with Examiner Pass, to move prosecution forward, Applicants amend the claims as set forth above.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Pass and Examiner O'Connor for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview on October 27, 2009, and Examiner Pass for the courtesy extended during the subsequent interview conducted with the Undersigned on November 24, 2009. Prior to the December 24, 2009 interview, Applicants provided Examiner Pass a draft set of claim amendments including amendments substantially similar to those set forth above. The above-listed amendments differ from those presented for the interview in the following respects:

- The listing of the sensor types recited in the above amendments are slightly altered from those proposed prior to, and discussed during, the interview;
- New claim 64 has been changed to depend from claim 44, adding further limitations thereto, as opposed to being introduced as a separate independent claim, as discussed during the interview;
- Applicants add new dependent claims 65-70, not discussed during the interview.

As indicated in the Examiner Pass's Examiner Interview Summary Record of the November 24 interview, agreement was reached that the proposed claims, other than proposed new claim 64 (the substance of which was not discussed in detail) overcame the pending § 102(e) rejections over Farmer. The inclusion in the above claim amendments of the modified list of sensor types does not materially alter the grounds of patentability discussed during the prior telephonic interviews.

Claims 64-70 depend on independent claims 44 and 61 and add further limitations thereto. Thus these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 44 and 61, respectively.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. HSDO-P01-003 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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